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Letter dated 4 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to communicate the following, with reference to Security Council resolution 1565 (2004), adopted on Friday, 1 October 2004:

The Government of Rwanda wishes to express its disappointment concerning the failure by the Security Council to entrust the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) with a mandate for forceful disarmament of the ex-FAR/Interahamwe, despite the significant increase in peacekeeping personnel under the above-mentioned resolution.

It is a matter of great concern to the people of Rwanda in general and to the genocide survivors in particular that, ten years after the 1994 genocide, the Security Council has never been able to come up with an adequate and decisive strategy to neutralize those negative forces, who still represent an undeniable obstacle to the stabilization of the Great Lakes region.

The Government of Rwanda wishes to reiterate its confidence that the Security Council will spare no effort in considering the most effective way to deal with this very long-standing issue once and for all.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Stanislas **Kamanzi**
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